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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: TGEN, AG  
SUBJECT: USGS COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT: NEW HYDRAULICS MINISTER

1. GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION REFERRED TO DURING LAST  
WEEK'S TELECON HAS TAKEN PLACE.

2. HYDRAULICS MINISTRY NOW FULL-FLEDGED MINISTRY. NEW  
NAME IS "MINISTERE DE L'HYDRAULIQUE, DE MISE EN VALEUR  
DES TERRES ET DE L'ENVIRONNEMENT", OR MINISTRY OF  
WATER RESOURCES, LAND DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT.

3. NEW MINISTER IS AHMED BENCHERIF, FORMERLY CHIEF OF  
GENDARMERIE NATIONALE. BENCHERIF IS MEMBER COUNCIL  
OF REVOLUTION AND CONSIDERED INFLUENTIAL POLITICALLY.  
HE COMES FROM WELL-KNOWN AND FAIRLY WEALTHY FAMILY BUT  
HAS ESTABLISHED REVOLUTIONARY CREDENTIALS. TO DATE,  
POSSIBLY BECAUSE OF HIS POSITION WITH GENDARMERIE, HE  
HAS NOT ASSOCIATED WITH AMERICANS.

4. FIRST IMPRESSIONS WOULD INDICATE THAT  
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MINAGRICULTURE HAS LOST LONG-STANDING FEUD  
OVER CONTROL OF LAND RECLAMATION PROGRAMS.  
PERHAPS BENCHERIF MADE THIS CONDITION OF HIS  
ACCEPTING HYDRAULICS PORTFOLIO.

5. WE BELIEVE USGS SHOULD PROCEED WITH PLANS  
TO VISIT ALGERIA AND CALL ON NEW MINISTER. PLEASE

INFORM US OF DETAILS SO WE CAN BEGIN PLANNING AND  
CLEARANCE PROCEDURES.

6. MCARTHUR WILL BE OUT OF ALGIERS UNTIL MAY 7.  
IF USGS SHOULD NEED TELEPHONE DURING THAT TIME, SHOULD  
REQUEST ECON OFFICER SMITH.LYNE

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